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1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Vanessa Perez-Ramos on June 23, 2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

At the end of Claim 1, the phrase "wherein said salt is an anion containing salt having fluoro groups and sulfonyl groups" was inserted before the period.

In Claim 7, line 1, "claim 34" was changed to "claim 1".

Claim 34 was cancelled.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior art Hattori et al teaches a conductive elastomer composition suitable for producing conductive belts and rollers for an image-forming apparatus, wherein the composition comprises a continuous matrix phase, a first discontinuous phase and a second discontinuous phase with an ionic conductive agent containing a metal salt and a polyether-containing block copolymer dispersed in the first discontinuous phase. Hattori et al, which is commonly assigned to the same assignee as the instant application, do not teach that the salt is an anion containing salt having fluoro groups and sulfonyl groups as instantly claimed. Further, the Applicant has overcome the obviousness double patenting rejection over Hattori et al by the proper filing of a terminal disclaimer.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Monique R. Jackson whose telephone number is 571-272-1508. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Thursdays, 10:00AM-5:00PM.

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